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Subject: FW: For review: Q&A w/ Pruitt
Attachments: PRUITT Q A 05016.doc; Pruitt Interview for RE Magazine.doc

This is really well done. We should give him the greenlight to proceed...

From: Bell, Stephen A. [mailto:Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: For review: Q&A w/ Pruitt

John,

Hope you're doing well. Attached for your review and approval are two write-ups on the Q&A that the administrator did with our reporter while he was in Missouri. The first document will run online as soon as you sign off. It will tease the second document which will run in our monthly magazine to co-op members across the nation.

Can you take a look and let me know if you have any requested changes? Thanks again for making him available.

Stephen Bell

Director, Media and Public Relations

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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PRUITT Q&A for RE Magazine

4/24/17

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Caption: EPA administrator Scott Pruitt says the Trump Administration is committed to an “all fuels-all technologies” energy policy that keeps electricity affordable and protects the environment. (Photo By: Derrill Holly)

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Keyword: Energy

Meta (including Keyword; 150 characters maximum): EPA’s Scott Pruitt says an all fuels-all technologies energy policy could help keep electricity affordable.

Tease (90-100 characters): Affordable electricity, supported with an all fuels-all technologies energy policy could be good for co-ops.

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Pruitt Talks EPA’s Future

EPA Chief Commits to Core Mission

By Derrill Holly

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, was confirmed by the United States Senate, Feb. 17, and sworn in the following day. A former Oklahoma attorney general,

Pruitt has been actively working to reduce what he describes as “regulatory overreach” at the agency.

He recently visited Associated Electric Cooperative’s Thomas Hill Energy Center in Clifton Hill, Mo., where he spoke with directors, executives, and staff from electric cooperatives. He also answered questions during an exclusive interview with *RE Magazine*. The following is the text of that interview with minor edits for clarity and brevity.

RE MAGAZINE: *What do you hope to accomplish with your “Back to Basics” regulatory agenda?*

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Even now as we're making these decisions, and rolling back regulations, that doesn't mean an absence of regulation. In Washington, D.C., at times, those on the environmental left think just because you're rolling back regulations that somehow you have this vast array of our

economy that has no regulation at all. That's just craziness. We have states, as you know, that have regulatory bodies that have partnered with the EPA for decades to improve air quality to the tune of 65 percent since 1980. That partnership needs to be restored and focused upon in the years ahead.

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ADMIN. PRUITT: Under this administration, that partnership matters. When you go back and look at the inception of the Clean Air Act, the inception of the Clean Water Act, environmental laws that were passed in the 1970s, Congress was very intentional about making sure that states were primary or an active partner with the EPA [in implementing] regulations. It was only this past administration that displaced that. As opposed to working in partnership, they worked in opposition. They worked as adversaries.

President Bush I, President Clinton, and President Bush II—three administrations—issued five federal implementation plans under the Clean Air Act. President Obama issued 56. And those federal plans that President Obama pushed out on the states were coercive. They basically were a sign that says, 'We know best, get out of the way, states; we're going to force this upon you.' That's not what the statutes say. That's not what the Constitution provides. That's not what actually produces a good outcome.

So the president and the EPA under our leadership now is focused upon restoring that confidence and that trust to say we can do better than that, and we know that we care, the states care about the water they drink and the air that they breathe, and we're going to partner together.

RE MAGAZINE: What do you see as the future of domestic coal production and the potential of clean-coal technology?

ADMIN. PRUITT: More optimism than there's been in years. I think what you've seen over the last several years as far as the lack of investment in coal generation was because of the regulatory onslaught. In Pennsylvania in April, I went underground. I went 1,100 feet down and three miles in and was on the line with miners. And I told them the war on coal was over, and they celebrated.

Those across the country that are engaged in technology advancement, innovation, they see now for the first time that they can start developing those things, investing in even greater cleaner-coal technology so that we can use coal and we can use natural gas, we can use all the various forms of energy to generate electricity.

Coal provides a very unique benefit to utilities because it's a solid hydrocarbon, which means it can be stored. If you get away from being able to store coal on a site at a utility, when peak demand occurs or when there's something where you have to draw down on that energy quickly, it hurts us. It increases cost, and it increases unreliability.

It's important to have coal and all these other forms of energy for a utility to be able to make decisions as needed on peak, cost, and stability, on those issues. And so I think there's more optimism than there's been in a long, long time about those issues.

RE MAGAZINE: What role do you see stakeholders, including electric co-ops, taking in plotting the direction of an all-fuels, all-technology energy policy for America?

ADMIN. PRUITT: I've spent time in my office in Washington, D.C., with folks around technology and innovation in the coal space, in the natural gas space, and nuclear as well. We have displaced so many forms of our energy over the last few years and really penalized certain forms of our energy space.

We need to have energy independence not just because it helps us combat being reliant upon foreign regimes across the globe; we need it to increase our manufacturing base. We need it to increase our jobs output for folks. We need it to provide consumers low-cost electricity.

That's what we've always done as a country. It was only this past administration that said we couldn't. The Obama administration said, "Choose between jobs and growth, and the environment." I'm so thankful that President Trump is saying, "That's a false narrative. We're going to choose both. We're going to achieve both, and let's work together to do that."

PRUITT Q&A

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Tease (90-100 characters): It’s “back to basics” at EPA with Administrator Scott Pruitt.

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Q&A: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

By Derrill Holly

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Read the July issue of RE Magazine for the full interview.

Message

From: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
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CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Talking Point Prep for Wide-Ranging Sitdown with CBS
Attachments: 05.03.2017 Varney and Co FINAL v2.docx

The latest batch of talkers I put together is attached. I talked to Lincoln earlier about updating the hot topics and I believe he has started working on that.

From: Freire, JP
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Talking Point Prep for Wide-Ranging Sitdown with CBS

Hey Amy,

Just spoke to Liz--we're still figuring out a time for a sitdown with Major Garrett at CBS, but realized that it may be useful to provide him with just a handful of bulletpoints for his flight out to start thinking about the interview. Liz mentioned that you may have compiled some talkers from your staffing him. If not, no big deal, I'll reach out to others, but wanted to start with you before doing so.

JP

J.P. Freire
Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
Mobile: **Ex. 6**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 9:45 a.m.

Live Remote Interview on FOX Business' Varney & Co.

Arrival Time: 9:40 a.m.

Hit Time: 9:45 a.m., 5-minute segment

Address: Statuary Hall, U.S. Capitol

Host: Stuart Varney

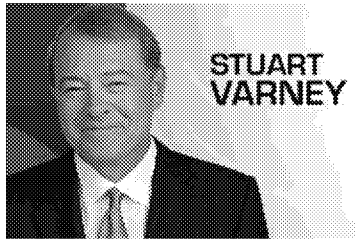
Topics: Meetings on Capitol Hill, first 100 days

Note: Show Aired weekdays at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Contact: Jennie Lubart (212) 301 5715, (917) 635-2554

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Host Bio:



Stuart Varney joined FOX Business Network as an anchor in 2007 and is the host of Varney & Company. Varney also serves as a business contributor and substitute host for FOX News Channel's (FNC) "Your World with Neil Cavuto." A graduate of the London School of Economics, Varney began his journalism career as business anchor for KEMO-TV in San Francisco.

Top Lines:

CONGRESSIONAL OUTREACH:

- I'm meeting with 10 Republican and Democrat lawmakers on the Hill today to discuss regulatory relief, agriculture and issues important to their respective districts/states.
- I'll meet with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and other leaders in both the House and Senate.
- The goal is to improve communication and build relationship between EPA and Members of Congress.

FIRST 100 DAYS:

- EPA was the poster child for regulatory overreach in the Obama Administration.
- I have spearheaded over 22 major regulatory reform actions.
- EPA is at the forefront of President Trump's vision to rollback regulations, save American jobs and promote economic growth.

TOP JOB NUMBERS:

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- CAFE standards: 1.1 million jobs
- ELG Rule: 100 jobs saved at a chemical processing plant in Florida.

Hot topics and additional background:

GOVERNMENT SPENDING BILL

- Decreases overall funding by \$81.4 million below the FY16 enacted level.
- Rejects Obama staffing increases and freezes agency positions at 15,000, the lowest level since 1989.
- Supports Trump E.O. to rewrite the Clean Power Plan.
- Directs the EPA to commission a report on administrative options for providing states regulatory relief from the Obama Administration's Ozone Rule.
- Provides \$4 million for long-term water quality monitoring as a result of the Animas River Spill.
- Encourages the EPA to work with states, small businesses and other stakeholders as the agency reevaluates the Obama Administration's RMP rule.

COAL ASH LETTER

- I sent a letter to Governors on Monday explaining that EPA plans to issue guidance and begin acting on state permit applications this year, to give states more flexibility in how they manage the safe disposal of coal ash.
- EPA estimates that the cost of the CCR rule to be between \$500 and \$745 million annually.
- Leading senators on the EPW Committee have applauded states having their own permitting programs for recycling and reusing coal ash.
- According to Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), This provides "needed certainty to industry and businesses, while ensuring the health and safety of families and communities."

CLIMATE CHANGE WEBSITE

- The EPA.gov website is undergoing changes that reflect the agency's renewed focus on human health, and clean air, land and water.
- The changes will comply with agency ethics and legal guidance, including the use of proper archiving procedures.
- For instance, a screenshot of the last administration's website will remain available.
- The first page to be updated is a page reflecting President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence, which calls for a review of the so-called Clean Power Plan. Language associated with the Clean Power Plan, written by the last administration, is out-of-date. Similarly, content related to climate and regulation is also under review.

NRDC WATER REPORT

- EPA is getting back to its core mission, which includes protecting America's drinking water.
- Unfortunately, this is an area the past administration chose to neglect.
- We saw the devastating consequences of Flint, Michigan and East Chicago, Indiana.
- I'm committed to helping modernize our country's outdated water infrastructure in order to ensure we maintain safe drinking water for the more than 300 million people that depend on it.
- *Background: The NRDC released a report on Tuesday stating that 77 million people—roughly a quarter of the U.S. population—spread across all 50 states were served by water systems reporting violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2015.*

SENATE EPW DEMS HATCH ACT LETTER

- As the Senators acknowledged in their letter, I have complied with the rules and will continue to do so in coordination with ethics counsel.
- *Background: On Monday, Democrat Senators on the EPW Committee sent a complaint to the Office of Special Counsel calling on EPA to turn over all documents related to the OKGOP event and information on how you will comply with the Hatch Act going forward.*

ENDANGERMENT FINDING PETITION

- EPA has received numerous petitions which require serious consideration.
- Certainly there have been concerns raised over the endangerment finding that the previous administration outright dismissed.
- I encourage the exchange of ideas and I am committed to a robust and honest dialogue on the science related to climate change.
- *Background: The Texas Public Policy Foundation filed a petition challenging EPA to revisit the endangerment finding.*

ENERGY STAR AND OTHER BUDGET INQUIRIES

- EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment.
- While many in Washington insist the on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results.
- We will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water.

EPA EMPLOYEE LETTER AND CLIMATE MARCH

- It's easy to throw stones from the sidelines, but this doesn't distract us from our mission of protecting the environment and jobs.
- *Background: In advance of last Saturday's Climate March, 777 former scientists, managers, analysts and other employees of EPA signed a letter "condemning the Trump Administration for ignoring science and endangering the public on climate change."*
- *The letter was sent by the Environmental Integrity Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded by former EPA officials.*

Message

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Subject: APPROVAL: Attached is the brief for SP's interview at 2:30 PM
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Jahan Wilcox

EPA

Strategic Communications Advisor

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Live radio interview with the Fargo Forum's Rob Port On WDAY-AM
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 2:33 PM – 2:51 PM
Call-In Number: Ex. 6

Location: Administrator Pruitt's Office

Reporter: Rob Port

Outlet: WDAY-AM & Fargo Forum and Grand Forks Herald as he will write a column from the radio interview.

Topics: North Dakota Well Authority, EPA Relationship with States, First 100 days (CPP and WOTUS)

Contact: rob@sayanythingblog.com / 701-214-4517



Reporter bio

Rob Port is conservative from Minot, North Dakota. Rob hosts a radio program on WDAY-AM, writes for the blog Say Anything and is a columnist for the Fargo Forum, Bismarck Tribune and Grand Forks Herald. He is the most respected political reporter in the state.

Recent stories:

Grand Forks Herald: Port: [[HYPERLINK "http://www.grandforksherald.com/opinion/4264042-port-all-sudden-north-dakota-and-epa-are-getting-along"](http://www.grandforksherald.com/opinion/4264042-port-all-sudden-north-dakota-and-epa-are-getting-along)]

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North Dakota Specific Talking Points

- North Dakota is one of the top energy producing states in the country and agenda. Unlike the previous Administration, we will roll back job-killing regulations, save American jobs and promote economic growth.
- North Dakotans know better than anyone the needs of their environment, economy, and communities, that's why I look forward to working with Governor Doug Burgum, Senator John Hoevan, Congressman Kevin Crammer and leaders across the state to protect the environment and jobs.
- Governor Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota.

EPA Approves North Dakota Carbon Sequestration Wells Application

- Thanks to Senator Hoevan and Congressman Cramer, the EPA has signed a proposed rulemaking to approve North Dakota's application to implement and enforce its own Class VI Underground Injection Control (UIC) program.
- Class VI injection wells are used for long-term storage of carbon dioxide captured from industrial and energy related sources. This action reinforces Administrator Pruitt's commitment to cooperative federalism, and will help advance carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies.
- By taking action toward authorizing North Dakota's Class VI program, we will empower state regulators, provide needed certainty, and advance CCS technologies, all while ensuring drinking water sources remain protected.
- Senator Hoevan's Statement: "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt moving forward with the state's application to be the primary regulator for Class VI wells. We've worked since 2008 to develop a states-first approach to regulating geological sequestration, which will help our energy industry, both traditional and renewable, to develop new technologies for storing CO₂. This is important as we work to develop clean coal technologies, as well as projects to sequester CO₂ from ethanol production."
- Congressman Crammer's Statement: "Nearly four years after North Dakota first made the request, the EPA – under new management – is finishing its work on the State's application to regulate carbon capture within their state boundaries. As a former North Dakota Public Service Commissioner overseeing environmental programs such as the Surface Mine Coal Reclamation Act, I know first-hand how efficiently and responsibly the State of North Dakota exercises these delegated powers. With the State's expert staff and long history of leading environmental programs, it only makes sense for them to take over as the primary regulator of carbon capture regulations. The announcement today is a victory for our State, and I'm grateful for the Administrator Pruitt's swift action on this request."

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- Since being sworn in, I have spearheaded over 22 significant regulatory reform actions.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Following the President's Energy Independence EO, I signed four notices to review and, if appropriate, to revise or rescind major, economically significant, burdensome rules the last Administration issued.
- This includes the so-called Clean Power Plan that **threatens 400,000 U.S. jobs**.

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EXAMPLES:

- **ELG** – Costs about \$480 million annually, \$1.2 billion per year in the first five years.
- **Hard Rock Mining** – Could cost American businesses \$171 million annually.
- **CCR rule** – Costs power plants between \$500 and \$745 million – per year.
- **CAFE** – 1.1 million jobs, \$200 billion by 2025 to comply.
- **WOTUS** – Between \$600 million and \$1.2 billion.
- **Methane ICR** – Compliance costs exceeding \$42 million.
- **RMP Rule** – Costs about \$131.8 million annually, \$1.3 billion over ten years.

OBAMA EPA:

- When it comes to protecting our water, Flint is why Obama's EPA let us down.
- When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.
- When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule is why Obama's EPA let us down.
- Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

EPA SUCCESSES: NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE

- What environmental successes can the last administration point to?
 - Look at the water problems in Flint, Michigan. Look at East Chicago. The past administration doesn't have much to point to.
- What are we doing? **Getting back to the core, back to the basics.** Let's focus on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Let's invest in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.
- The environmentalists on the left are saying that we are creating an absence of regulation. That isn't true.

Message

From: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
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Subject: FW: Stuart Varney TV INTERVIEW REQUEST for the Administrator

Hi JP,

Here's an interview request. See below.

Cathy

From: Conti, Francesca [mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
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To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Cathy,

It's Francesca from VARNEY & Co. We were hoping Scott Pruitt could join us on the program tomorrow. Again we are 9am-12 noon ET.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon,
Francesca

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Conti, Francesca <francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
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Thank you Francesca,

I hope all is well with you!

Best,

Cathy

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Hi Cathy-

I did NOT forget about you! Apologies -- I was away for a few days and it took me a while to find a contact for John Stossel:

Norbitz, Ben Ben.Norbitz@FOXBUSINESS.COM (this is his assistant).

Let me know how I can be of further help!

From: Milbourn, Cathy [<mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Conti, Francesca <francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
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Hi Francesca—Wonderful! Thank you!

Cathy

From: Conti, Francesca [<mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Producer at Fox Business

Hi Cathy-

Great to hear from you. I am not too familiar to John's team but let me do some digging and will get back to you.

Yes - I would love that! Talk soon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2017, at 4:58 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Francesca,

Happy Monday! I hope all is well with you. Do you by chance have the name of a producer who works with John Stossel? I understand he is launching a new program on Fox Business focusing on the economy. Should I also reach out to folks at Fox News?

I'm hoping to come up to NYC soon for a visit— I would love to meet you for coffee!

Best,

Cathy

Thank you for your assistance today. We really appreciate all your help and I hope Scott and the EPA was happy with the interview.

We'd love to have him on again in the near future.

Thank you for your time and have a lovely day.

Francesca

From: Conti, Francesca
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:15 AM

To: 'Konkus, John' <konkus.john@epa.gov>; 'Milbourn, Cathy' <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: 'Slotkin, Ron' <slotkin.ron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED! Stuart Varney on Fox Business-- Interview with the Administrator at 10:15 a.m. EDT tomorrow, 3/29

I'm told the team has him now so not to worry -- false alarm

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Subject: RE: CONFIRMED! Stuart Varney on Fox Business-- Interview with the Administrator at 10:15 a.m. EDT tomorrow, 3/29

Hi there-

We are ready for Scott so he could get in the chair now that would be ideal.

Thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Conti, Francesca <francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
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Thank you!

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Yes, thank you for this. I passed this along to our team and we will make sure to focus on the main issue (as addressed below).

Thanks so much

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Here's the release we sent last evening. Note the link to the President's executive order...

EPA to Review the Clean Power Plan under President Trump's Executive Order

WASHINGTON – Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens.

The Energy Independence Executive Order directs agencies responsible for regulating domestic energy production to submit plans to the White House, which will identify, and propose measures to revise or rescind, regulatory barriers that impede progress towards energy independence. Moreover, the Order rescinds several Obama executive orders and policies related to climate change. It also directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of the Interior to review, and if necessary, revise or rescind, several regulations that may place unnecessary, costly burdens on coal-fired electric utilities, coal miners, and oil and gas producers.

"The American people deserve an EPA that works to protect both the environment and enables a growing economy," said Administrator Pruitt. "Our EPA puts America first. President Trump has a clear vision to create jobs and his vision is completely compatible with a clean and healthy environment. By taking these actions today, the EPA is returning the Agency to its core mission of protecting public health while also being pro-energy independence."

You can see the Executive Order here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/28/presidential-executive-order-promoting-energy-independence-and-economy-1>

Administrator Scott Pruitt's Remarks

Thank you, thank you very much. Welcome to the EPA.

Perhaps this is your first visit to the EPA for some of you; it's good to see some coal miners here at the EPA. So, welcome to you, here.

We are gathered in the map room here at the EPA. Maps are intended to help you navigate; maps are intended to help you work toward a destination, journey toward a destination, and as we gather here today, the President is setting a new journey, a new pathway forward on how we are going to do business in this country, with respect to energy and the environment.

Number one, the president, by his signature today is rejecting the narrative that this country cannot be both pro-energy and pro-environment. We have done that throughout our history. We can actually achieve good jobs, good growth and pro-energy policies at the same time as protecting our environment. The president is sending that message today, by his signature today on this executive order.

But, number two, he's also setting a pathway forward, a journey to say that we are no longer going to have regulatory assault on any given sector of our economy. That is going to end by the signing of this executive order. We are not going to allow regulations here at the EPA to pick winners and losers. And that is going to be very important as we chart the pathway forward.

But, the third thing is that we are going to play within the rules. The EPA should pass rules that are within the framework that Congress has established. That sounds pretty novel, but that is exactly what should occur. We shouldn't reimagine our authority to pick winners and losers. We are going to provide regulatory certainty. So, the president is setting a new pathway forward that is going to literally make

sure that we transform our economy, grow jobs and also protect our environment. And it's an exciting day and I appreciate his leadership.

I now have the opportunity to introduce a good friend, a patriot, a partner in this process to make sure we are achieving the president's objectives – the Vice President of the United States, Michael Pence.

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Importance: High

Hi Cathy-

We are all set for 1015 as discussed. Topics will be:

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PODESTA in WaPo: *"Make no mistake, the Trump administration's rampage against the environment presents an existential threat to the entire planet. But we cannot give up hope that we can still avert the most severe aspects of climate change."*
+
-WHY ARE WE STILL IN THE PARIS ACCORD
+
-REPORTS: YOU ARE KEEPING THE CARBON TAX

Thank you again -- looking forward to it.

From: Milbourn, Cathy [<mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Conti, Francesca <francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
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Thank you Francesca—I've copied Ron Slotkin who runs our studio – I believe Fox Business has a feed into our studio—checking with Ron .

From: Conti, Francesca [<mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Got it. 10:15 it is! At your leisure, when you send the booking information for the studio I'd appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 3:43 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

I think 10:10 to 10:30 is the opening—so we need to work that time frame.

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1030 works great on our end. We are very much looking forward to the interview. We just ask to be his first business interview, if possible. Also, if you could please forward the point of contact to arrange the shot/feed for the interview I will pass this along to our satellite team.

Again, thank you so much.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Conti, Francesca <francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

Yes that should work! Let me email him now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

We just had a cancellation for tomorrow morning. We could do 10:10-10:30—will that work?

From: Conti, Francesca
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Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Cathy,

Unfortunately our program is only on from 9 to noon. Is there a time in that window that works on your end?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Francesca:

We would like to do the interview
Thursday 3/30 in the 1:20-1:40 time
frame—will that work?

From: Conti, Francesca
[<mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM>]

COM]

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 1:04 PM

To: Milbourn, Cathy

[<Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)

Subject: Re: TV INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hi Cathy,

We are in our afternoon planning meeting currently. I know you're extremely busy but I wanted to circle back in regards to tomorrow's potential interview (or Thursday.)

Thank you for all of your help; I really appreciate it.

Francesca

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 10:00 AM,

Milbourn, Cathy

[<Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov) wrote:

Hi Francesca – please
give me a call at 202-
564-7849.

From: Conti, Francesca
[\[mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM\]](mailto:francesca.conti@FOXBUSINESS.COM)

Sent: Tuesday, March
28, 2017 9:29 AM

To: Press

[<Press@epa.gov>](mailto:Press@epa.gov)

Subject: TV INTERVIEW
REQUEST

Importance: High

Hello,

My name is Francesca
Conti. I work as a
Producer on the FOX
Business Network for a
show called, "Varney &
Co." We are the
highest-rated, daytime
financial program in the
country. We were
hoping Scott Pruitt
could join us on our

program at his earliest convenience. The show is on from 9am-12 noon ET daily.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Best,
Francesca

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Sent: 5/16/2017 8:58:47 PM
To: McMurray, Forrest [mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Hupp, Sydney [hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends Wednesday AM
Attachments: WSJ Brief 5-16-17.docx; 05.17.2017 Varney and Co Interview v3.docx; 05.17.2017 Fox and Friends Interview V3.docx

All – Attached are the final briefings – with talkers – for Fox and Friends, WSJ and Fox Biz. Let me know if you need anything else.

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:10 PM
To: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Who is handling WSJ?

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If there is briefing material for the Wall street Journal Editorial board meeting and Fox Business, will you all try and get that to me before the Administrator leaves at 4:40 today?

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Subject: RE: Fox and Friends Wednesday AM

All – The time has changed for Fox and Friends tomorrow. New details attached and below.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Live In-Studio Interview on FOX News Channel's *Fox and Friends* (New York)

Arrival Time: 6:20 a.m. – Kelly May will meet you in the lobby

Hit Time: 6:40 a.m., 10 minute segment. Will re-air in the 7:00 and 8:00 hour

Address: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 - enter through 48th side

Hosts: Brian Kilmeade, Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt

Topics: New direction of the EPA, helping communities that were poorly served by the last admin

Contact: Diana Aoli (212) 301-5594, email: diana.aloi@foxnews.com

Morning Producer: Kelly May Phone: (212) 601-2475 cell: [Ex. 6] email: kelly.may@foxnews.com

Security POC: Tom O'Shea toshea@21cf.com, 212.852.7662 (office), [Ex. 6] (cell)

Ainsley Earhardt



Ainsley Earhardt currently serves as a co-host of Fox News Channel's (FNC) Fox & Friends (weekdays 6-9AM/ET) alongside Steve Doocy and Brian Kilmeade. She joined the network in 2007 and is based in New York. Earhardt graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.A. in journalism.

Steve Doocy



Throughout his tenure at FNC, he has contributed to coverage of every presidential election since 1996. He began his career as a feature reporter for WRC-TV (NBC 4) in Washington, DC. Doocy received his B.A. in journalism from the University of Kansas.

Brian Kilmeade



Every weekday morning, Kilmeade provides viewers with the latest on the current headlines in news, sports, politics and entertainment. Kilmeade joined the network as a sports reporter in 1997. He received a B.A. from Long Island University.

Message

From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/16/2017 8:34:19 PM
To: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Fox and Friends talkers

Looks good, thanks Amy!

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Subject: Fox and Friends talkers

Fox and Friends is asking for talking points on the topics we want to discuss tomorrow, planning to send the following and then repurposing these for his book:

OBAMA EPA:

1. When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.
2. When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule is why Obama's EPA let us down.
3. Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE

- What are we doing? **Getting back to the basics.**
- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.
- Last week Administrator Pruitt announced a new directive to prioritize and streamline Superfund cleanup at sites with remedies costing \$50 million or more. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-announces-new-directive-prioritize-superfund-cleanups>

EAST CHICAGO

- Last month, Administrator Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.
- He was the first EPA Administrator to visit the Superfund site that was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009.
- Administrator Pruitt met with residents who are concerned with contamination in their community and listened to their concerns.

- He issued a joint statement with Indiana's Governor, Senators and local officials pledging improved communication and coordination.
- EPA has taken steps to expedite cleanup at Superfund site under Administrator Pruitt's leadership.
<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-visits-contaminated-site-east-chicago-pledges-coordinated-cleanup>
- **Washington Examiner: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers recommit to public trust in East Chicago:**
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-pruitt-lawmakers-recommit-to-public-trust-in-east-chicago/article/2622262>

From: Aloj, Diana [<mailto:Diana.Aloj@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Any word on talking points?

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Aloj, Diana
Cc: Bowman, Liz
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Hi Diana – Yes, I will send you more information shortly.
Do you have the name of the person who will meet us in the lobby tomorrow morning.

From: Aloj, Diana [<mailto:Diana.Aloj@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Hello I'm producing Scott Pruitt's segment for Fox & Friends tomorrow
Can you send me some bullet points on what the top three priorities are for the EPA that Mr. Pruitt would like to discuss specifically
What is happening with East Chicago?
Thanks,
Diana

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Graham, Amy
Cc: Bowman, Liz; Aloj, Diana
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, we are confirmed to discuss that topic tomorrow LIVE at 6:20am ET. Thanks! I am copying producer Diana Aloj who is working on the segment today and will follow up with pre-interview questions on the agreed upon topic, the new direction of the EPA, and helping communities that were poorly served by the last administration. Diana can be reached at (212) 301-5594 email: diana.aloj@foxnews.com

Thanks in advance,

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To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, that works but we really need to stick with this as the topic. Can you confirm this will be the topic of discussion?

From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, can we please confirm him for a LIVE interview at 6:20am ET with an arrival at 6:00am ET? He will be finished at 6:30am ET and we can re-air a clip of the interview at 7am ET and 8am ET and really make some news tomorrow.

Andrew

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Peikoff, Lauren <lauren.peikoff@FOXNEWS.COM>; Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Pepperman, Nicole <Nicole.Pepperman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Rosenbaum, Rachel <Rachel.Rosenbaum@FOXNEWS.COM>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Andrew and Lauren— EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in New York tomorrow and is able to come in studio to discuss the real reforms the Trump Administration is taking to help communities that were poorly served by the last administration — [East Chicago](#) for example. Pruitt has been outspoken about the lack of environmental accomplishments under the Obama Administration, calling President Obama "no environmental savior," and he would like to expand on these comments. I'm including a few articles below as background.

Can we reschedule his interview for tomorrow?

Thank you,
Amy

Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.

"I mean, the past administration is viewed as the environmental savior. But when you look at air attainment in this country, we're at 40% non-attainment right now on ozone. About 140 million people live in non-attainment areas for air quality, under air quality programs. Superfund sites, we have more today than when President Obama came into office. Water infrastructure, you had Flint and you had Gold King. And so what's, and the regulations that they issued on carbon, they failed twice. They struck out twice. So when you look at their record, what exactly did they accomplish for the environment that folks are so excited about? You know, we're coming in trying to focus on a back to basics agenda to say look, it's unacceptable for the Westlake facility in St. Louis, Missouri to languish on a national priority list for 20-plus years. It's time for leadership."

The Hill: EPA chief: Obama was no 'environmental savior'

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tore into former President Barack Obama's environmental record Thursday, saying he failed in important areas... Scott Pruitt accused the Obama administration of "poor leadership" and "poor focus," resulting in bad air quality, more contaminated sites under the Superfund cleanup program, and water pollution crises.

Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no 'environmental savior,' past administration accomplished nothing

In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Excellent. That's amazing.

Just need to make sure he's comfortable dodging and not pontificating on white house intrigue if it comes up.

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To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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Would this be okay as the setup to his segment

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- AND IT INCLUDES A BACK-TO-BASICS APPROACH.
THIS AFTER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION LEFT BEHIND A HUGE TOXIC MESS
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((guest))

E-P-A ADMINISTRATOR, SCOTT PRUITT JOINS US NOW.

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Here you go – let us know if you need any more details.

OBAMA EPA:

1. When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.

2. When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule are reasons why Obama's EPA let us down.
3. Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE

- What are we doing? **Getting back to the basics.**
- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.
- Last week Administrator Pruitt announced a new directive to prioritize and streamline Superfund cleanup at sites with remedies costing \$50 million or more. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-announces-new-directive-prioritize-superfund-cleanups>

EAST CHICAGO

- Last month, Administrator Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.
- He was the first EPA Administrator to visit the Superfund site that was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009.
- Administrator Pruitt met with residents who are concerned with contamination in their community and listened to their concerns.
- He issued a joint statement with Indiana's Governor, Senators and local officials pledging improved communication and coordination.
- EPA has taken steps to expedite cleanup at Superfund site under Administrator Pruitt's leadership. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-visits-contaminated-site-east-chicago-pledges-coordinated-cleanup>
- **Washington Examiner: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers recommit to public trust in East Chicago:** <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-pruitt-lawmakers-recommit-to-public-trust-in-east-chicago/article/2622262>

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Hello I'm producing Scott Pruitt's segment for Fox & Friends tomorrow
Can you send me some bullet points on what the top three priorities are for the EPA that Mr. Pruitt would like to discuss specifically
What is happening with East Chicago?
Thanks,
Diana

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Graham, Amy
Cc: Bowman, Liz; Aloï, Diana
Subject: RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, we are confirmed to discuss that topic tomorrow LIVE at 6:20am ET. Thanks! I am copying producer Diana Aloï who is working on the segment today and will follow up with pre-interview questions on the agreed upon topic, the new direction of the EPA, and helping communities that were poorly served by the last administration. Diana can be reached at (212) 301-5594 email: diana.aloi@foxnews.com

Thanks in advance,

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Can we reschedule his interview for tomorrow?

Thank you,
Amy

Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.

“I mean, the past administration is viewed as the environmental savior. But when you look at air attainment in this country, we’re at 40% non-attainment right now on ozone. About 140 million people live in non-attainment areas for air quality, under air quality programs. Superfund sites, we have more today than when President Obama came into office. Water infrastructure, you had Flint and you had Gold King. And so what’s, and the regulations that they issued on carbon, they failed twice. They struck out twice. So when you look at their record, what exactly did they accomplish for the environment that folks are so excited about? You know, we’re coming in trying to focus on a back to basics agenda to say look, it’s unacceptable for the Westlake facility in St. Louis, Missouri to languish on a national priority list for 20-plus years. It’s time for leadership.”

The Hill: EPA chief: Obama was no ‘environmental savior’

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tore into former President Barack Obama’s environmental record Thursday, saying he failed in important areas... Scott Pruitt accused the Obama administration of “poor leadership” and “poor focus,” resulting in bad air quality, more contaminated sites under the Superfund cleanup program, and water pollution crises.

Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no ‘environmental savior,’ past administration accomplished nothing

In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration’s attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same

time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

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